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SUBJECT: US-YUGOSLAVIA SCIENCE PROGRAM - ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY

1. EPA PLANS TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE RUDARSKI INSTITUTE, BELGRADE, FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL TEST PROJECT AT THE COAL GASIFICATION PLANT LOCATED IN PRISTINA, SERBIA. FOR THIS PURPOSE EPA IS PREPARED TO PLACE INTO THE JOINT FUND ESTABLISHED BY THE US-YUGOSLAVIA AGREEMENT OF MAY 18, 1973, \$50,000 IN DINAR EQUIVALENT TO BE MATCHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA. ARTICLE III, PARAGRAPH C OF THE AGREEMENT REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE DEPOSIT OF ADDITIONAL SUMS INTO THE JOINT FUND. THIS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

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2. IN ORDER TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT EMBASSY IS REQUESTED

TO CONSULT WITH THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION (FAISECTC) TO DETERMINE WHETHER FAISECTC IS RECEPTIVE TO EXCHANGE OF NOTES. IF FAISECTC IS AGREEABLE, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THE EMBASSY TO ADDRESS A FIRST-PERSON NOTE TO AMBASSADOR KRSTO BULAJIC, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAISECTC, READING AS FOLLOWS:

"I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION OF MAY 18, 1973 AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO ARTICLE III, PARAGRAPH (C) OF THE AGREEMENT.

"I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPOSIT INTO THE JOINT FUND ESTABLISHED BY THE AGREEMENT UP TO \$50,000 IN DINAR EQUIVALENT TO BE USED FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED "SAMPLING OF THE KOSOVO COAL GASIFICATION PLANT IN YUGOSLAVIA," PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RUDARSKI INSTITUTE OF YUGOSLAVIA A4D THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES. DEPOSITS INTO THE JOINT FUND SHALL BE MADE IN APPROXIMATELY EQUAL PROGRESS PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT AND DISBURSEMENTS SHALL BE MADE ACCORDINGLY BY THE U.S.-YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

"THE YUGOSLAV SIDE SHALL DEPOSIT INTO THE JOINT FUND AN AMOUNT IN DINARS EQUAL TO THAT DEPOSITED INTO THE JOINT FUND BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY UNDER THIS EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

"NOTHING HEREIN SHALL BE DEEMED TO AMEND OR AFFECT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT OTHER THAN AS SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH HEREIN.
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"I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY CONFIRMING THE UNDERSTANDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY.

"ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF

MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION".

3. LEPINE OF EPA WILL DISCUSS PROJECT FURTHER WITH SCIATT
MILLS IN BELGRADE NOVEMBER 7.

4. IF NOTES ARE EXCHANGED, PLEASE FORWARD TO DEPARTMENT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 11 FAM 735. INGERSOLL

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